

1 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

2 **EXECUTIVE BUDGET BILL**

3 A bill to make appropriations for the department of education
4 and certain other purposes relating to education for the fiscal
5 year ending September 30, 2009; to provide for the expenditure of
6 the appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain
7 state departments, school districts, and other governmental bodies;
8 and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income
9 received by certain legal entities and state agencies.

10 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

11 PART 1

12 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

13 Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this bill,
14 the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the department
15 of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, from
16 the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the
17 appropriations in this part:

18 **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

19 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

20 Full-time equated unclassified positions	6.0	
21 Full-time equated classified positions	480.0	
22 GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	94,743,200
23 Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
24 Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
25 transfers		0
26 ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	94,743,200

1	Federal revenues:	
2	Total federal revenues	69,675,500
3	Special revenue funds:	
4	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)	6,618,100
5	Local school district service fees	306,500
6	Total local revenues	6,924,600
7	Gifts, bequests, and donations	650,600
8	Private foundations	2,437,200
9	Total private revenues	3,087,800
10	Total local and private revenues	10,012,400
11	Certification fees	5,702,300
12	Commodity distribution fees	71,700
13	Student insurance revenues	218,600
14	Teacher college review fees	54,000
15	Teacher testing fees	523,200
16	Tenant rent	261,000
17	Training and orientation workshop fees	150,000
18	Total other state restricted revenues	6,980,800
19	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 8,074,500
20	Sec. 102. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/OFFICE OF THE	
21	SUPERINTENDENT	
22	Full-time equated unclassified positions6.0	
23	Full-time equated classified positions16.0	
24	State board of education, per diem payments	\$ 24,400
25	Unclassified positions--6.0 FTE positions	515,600
26	State board/superintendent operations--16.0 FTE	
27	positions	<u>3,066,500</u>
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 3,606,500
29	Appropriated from:	

1	Federal revenues:	
2	Federal revenues	1,999,100
3	Special revenue funds:	
4	Private foundations	27,100
5	Certification fees	202,100
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,378,200
7	Sec. 103. CENTRAL SUPPORT	
8	Full-time equated classified positions16.6	
9	Central support--16.6 FTE positions	\$ 3,216,300
10	Worker's compensation	48,000
11	Building occupancy charges - property management	
12	services	1,574,900
13	Tenant rent	261,000
14	Training and orientation workshops	150,000
15	Terminal leave payments	<u>574,700</u>
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 5,824,900
17	Appropriated from:	
18	Federal revenues:	
19	Federal revenues	3,598,500
20	Special revenue funds:	
21	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)	68,400
22	Certification fees	340,000
23	Teacher testing fees	13,500
24	Tenant rent	261,000
25	Training and orientation workshop fees	150,000
26	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,393,500
27	Sec. 104. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	
28	Information technology operations	\$ <u>2,820,900</u>
29	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 2,820,900

1	Appropriated from:	
2	Federal revenues:	
3	Federal revenues	1,762,400
4	Special revenue funds:	
5	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)	141,900
6	Certification fees	245,000
7	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 671,600
8	Sec. 105. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	
9	Full-time equated classified positions	47.0
10	Special education operations--47.0 FTE positions	\$ <u>11,458,000</u>
11	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 11,458,000
12	Appropriated from:	
13	Federal revenues:	
14	Federal revenues	10,993,400
15	Special revenue funds:	
16	Private foundations	105,000
17	Certification fees	38,500
18	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 321,100
19	Sec. 106. MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND	
20	Full-time equated classified positions	109.0
21	Michigan schools for the deaf and blind operations--	
22	108.0 FTE positions	\$ 12,931,000
23	Camp Tuhsmeheeta--1.0 FTE position	295,100
24	Private gifts - blind	90,000
25	Private gifts - deaf	<u>250,000</u>
26	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 13,566,100
27	Appropriated from:	
28	Federal revenues:	
29	Federal revenues	5,993,500

1	Special revenue funds:		
2	Local cost sharing (schools for deaf/blind)		6,407,800
3	Local school district service fees		295,600
4	Gifts, bequests, and donations		650,600
5	Student insurance revenue		218,600
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
7	Sec. 107. PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES		
8	Full-time equated classified positions30.5		
9	Professional preparation operations--30.5 FTE		
10	positions	\$	6,819,900
11	National board certification		100,000
12	Department of attorney general		50,000
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	6,969,900
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues:		
16	Federal revenues		2,652,700
17	Special revenue funds:		
18	Certification fees		3,753,500
19	Teacher college review fees		54,000
20	Teacher testing fees		509,700
21	State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
22	Sec. 108. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND FAMILY		
23	SERVICES		
24	Full-time equated classified positions26.0		
25	Early childhood education and family services		
26	operations--26.0 FTE positions	\$	4,492,300
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	4,492,300
28	Appropriated from:		
29	Federal revenues:		

1	Federal revenues	3,259,200
2	Special revenue funds:	
3	Private foundations	191,900
4	Certification fees	58,700
5	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 982,500
6	Sec. 109. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	
7	Full-time equated classified positions	78.0
8	School improvement operations--78.0 FTE positions	\$ 17,152,300
9	Subject area content expectations and guidelines	<u>100,000</u>
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 17,252,300
11	Appropriated from:	
12	Federal revenues:	
13	Federal revenues	15,028,600
14	Special revenue funds:	
15	Private foundations	1,113,200
16	Certification fees	533,800
17	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 576,700
18	Sec. 110. SCHOOL FINANCE AND SCHOOL LAW SERVICES	
19	Full-time equated classified positions	20.0
20	School finance and school law operations--20.0 FTE	
21	positions	\$ <u>2,988,000</u>
22	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 2,988,000
23	Appropriated from:	
24	Federal revenues:	
25	Federal revenues	1,432,100
26	Special revenue funds:	
27	Certification fees	530,700
28	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,025,200
29	Sec. 111. EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY	

1	Full-time equated classified positions	45.6	
2	Educational assessment operations--45.6 FTE positions .	\$	<u>9,409,700</u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	9,409,700
4	Appropriated from:		
5	Federal revenues:		
6	Federal revenues		9,409,700
7	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	0
8	Sec. 112. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT		
9	SERVICES		
10	Full-time equated classified positions	56.6	
11	Grants administration and school support services		
12	operations--56.6 FTE positions	\$	7,988,900
13	Federal and private grants.....		<u>3,000,000</u>
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	10,988,900
15	Appropriated from:		
16	Federal revenues:		
17	Federal revenues		9,472,200
18	Special revenue funds:		
19	Local school district service fees.....		10,900
20	Private foundations.....		1,000,000
21	Commodity distribution fees.....		71,700
22	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	434,100
23	Sec. 113. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND DATA		
24	COORDINATION		
25	Full-time equated classified positions	6.7	
26	Educational technology and data coordination--6.7 FTE		
27	positions	\$	<u>803,600</u>
28	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	803,600
29	Appropriated from:		

1	Federal revenues:	
2	Federal revenues	803,600
3	Special revenue funds:	
4	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 0
5	Sec. 114. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	
6	Full-time equated classified positions25.0	
7	Career and technical education operations--25.0 FTE	
8	positions	\$ <u>3,962,100</u>
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 3,962,100
10	Appropriated from:	
11	Federal revenues:	
12	Federal revenues	3,270,500
13	Special revenue funds:	
14	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 691,600
15	Sec. 115. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES	
16	Internal audit services operations	\$ <u>100,000</u>
17	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 100,000
18	Appropriated from:	
19	Special revenue funds:	
20	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 100,000
21	Sec. 116. 21ST CENTURY SCHOOLS FUND ADMINISTRATION	
22	Full-time equated classified positions3.0	
23	21 st century schools fund administration operations--3.0	
24	FTE positions	\$ <u>500,000</u>
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 500,000
26	Appropriated from:	
27	Special revenue funds:	
28	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 500,000
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1 PART 2

2 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

3 GENERAL SECTIONS

4 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
5 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources
6 under part 1 for fiscal year 2008-2009 is \$15,055,300.00 and state
7 spending from state resources to be paid to local units of
8 government for fiscal year 2008-2009 is estimated at \$0.

9 Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this bill are
10 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101
11 to 18.1594.

12 Sec. 203. As used in this bill:

13 (a) "Department" means the Michigan department of education.

14 (b) "District" means a local school district as defined in
15 section 6 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.6, or a
16 public school academy as defined in section 5 of the revised school
17 code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

18 (c) "FTE" means full-time equated.

19 Sec. 204. The civil service commission shall bill departments
20 and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for the 1%
21 charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state
22 constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount
23 of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

24 Sec. 205. The department shall use the Internet to fulfill the
25 reporting requirements of this bill. This requirement may include
26 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
27 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
28 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

1 Sec. 206. The department shall provide through the Internet
2 the state board of education agenda and all supporting documents,
3 and shall notify the state budget director and the senate and house
4 fiscal agencies that the agenda and supporting documents are
5 available on the Internet, at the time the agenda and supporting
6 documents are provided to state board of education members.

7 Sec. 207. (1) Upon receipt of the federal drug-free grant, the
8 department shall allocate \$225,000.00 of the grant to the safe
9 school program within the department. The safe school program shall
10 work with local school boards, parents of enrolled students, law
11 enforcement agencies, community leaders, and the office of drug
12 control policy for the prevention of school violence. The safe
13 school program shall develop and implement, and serve as
14 coordinator of, a statewide clearinghouse for information, program
15 development, model programs and policies, and technical assistance
16 on school violence prevention.

17 (2) To accomplish its functions under this section, the safe
18 school program shall do all of the following:

19 (a) Coordinate with the office of drug control policy in the
20 department of community health to ensure that there is a meaningful
21 linkage between the efforts under this bill to provide safe schools
22 and the initiatives undertaken through that office, including, but
23 not limited to, school districts' safe and drug-free school plans,
24 and to facilitate timely applications for and distribution of
25 available grant money.

26 (b) Provide through the Internet the availability to access,
27 and provide through the Internet information regarding, the state
28 model policy on locker searches, the state model policy on firearm

1 safety and awareness, and any other state or local safety policies
2 that the office considers exemplary.

3 (c) Advance, promote, and encourage the awareness and use of
4 the state police anti-violence hotline.

5 Sec. 208. The department shall require all public school
6 districts to maintain complete records within the personnel file of
7 a teacher or school employee of any disciplinary actions taken by
8 the local school board against the teacher or employee for sexual
9 misconduct. The records shall not be destroyed or removed from the
10 teacher's or employee's personnel file except as required by a
11 court order.

12 Sec. 209. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
13 information technology, departments and agencies shall pay user
14 fees to the department of information technology for technology-
15 related services and projects. Such user fees shall be subject to
16 provisions of an interagency agreement between the departments and
17 agencies and the department of information technology.

18 Sec. 210. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information
19 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward
20 to support technology projects under the direction of the
21 department of information technology. Funds designated in this
22 manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work
23 projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984
24 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

25 Sec. 211. Before publishing a list of schools or districts
26 determined to have failed to make adequate yearly progress as
27 required by the no child left behind act of 2001, Public Law 107-
28 110, the department shall allow a school or district to appeal that
29 determination. The department shall consider and act upon the

1 appeal within 30 days after it is submitted and shall not publish
2 the list until after all appeals have been considered and decided.

3 Sec. 212. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
4 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
5 competitively priced and comparable quality American goods or
6 services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to
7 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
8 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable
9 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or
10 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan
11 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are
12 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

13 Sec. 213. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on the state
14 classified civil service. State departments and agencies are
15 prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil
16 service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state
17 classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not
18 apply to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position
19 to another within a department.

20 (2) The state budget director may grant exceptions to this
21 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the
22 hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency
23 unable to deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to the
24 state, result in the inability of the state to receive federal
25 funds, or necessitate additional expenditures that exceed any
26 savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director shall
27 report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
28 representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of

1 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous
2 quarter and the reasons to justify the exception.

3 Sec. 214. (1) Due to the current budgetary problems in this
4 state, out-of-state travel for the fiscal year ending September 30,
5 2009 shall be limited to situations in which 1 or more of the
6 following conditions apply:

7 (a) The travel is required by legal mandate or court order or
8 for law enforcement purposes.

9 (b) The travel is necessary to protect the health or safety of
10 Michigan citizens or visitors or to assist other states in similar
11 circumstances.

12 (c) The travel is necessary to produce budgetary savings or to
13 increase state revenues, including protecting existing federal
14 funds or securing additional federal funds.

15 (d) The travel is necessary to comply with federal
16 requirements.

17 (e) The travel is necessary to secure specialized training for
18 staff that is not available within this state.

19 (f) The travel is financed entirely by federal or nonstate
20 funds.

21 (2) If out-of-state travel is necessary but does not meet 1 or
22 more of the conditions in subsection (1), the state budget director
23 may grant an exception to allow the travel. Any exceptions granted
24 by the state budget director shall be reported on a monthly basis
25 to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
26 appropriations.

27 (3) Not later than January 1 of each year, each department
28 shall prepare a travel report listing all travel by classified and
29 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately

1 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
2 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
3 submitted to the senate and house of representatives standing
4 committees on appropriations, the senate and house fiscal agencies,
5 and the state budget director. The report shall include the
6 following information:

7 (a) The name of each person receiving reimbursement for travel
8 outside this state or whose travel costs were paid by this state.

9 (b) The destination of each travel occurrence.

10 (c) The dates of each travel occurrence.

11 (d) A brief statement of the reason for each travel
12 occurrence.

13 (e) The transportation and related costs of each travel
14 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
15 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
16 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
17 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

18 (f) A total of all out-of-state travel funded for the
19 immediately preceding fiscal year.

20 Sec. 216. The director shall take all reasonable steps to
21 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
22 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The
23 director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department
24 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and
25 deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

26 Sec. 219. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
27 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
28 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
29 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item

1 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
2 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

3 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
4 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for state
5 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
6 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
7 in this bill under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
8 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

9 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
10 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for local
11 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
12 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
13 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
14 MCL 18.1393.

15 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
16 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for private
17 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
18 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
19 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
20 MCL 18.1393.

21 Sec. 221. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a
22 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
23 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
24 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
25 services for bonding activities and for those activities that the
26 attorney general authorizes.

27
28 **STATE BOARD/OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

1 Sec. 301. (1) The appropriations in part 1 may be used for per
2 diem payments to the state board for meetings at which a quorum is
3 present or for performing official business authorized by the state
4 board. The per diem payments shall be at a rate as follows:

5 (a) State board of education - president - \$110.00 per day.

6 (b) State board of education - member other than president -
7 \$100.00 per day.

8 (2) A state board of education member shall not be paid a per
9 diem for more than 30 days per year.

10 (3) The state board executive shall report to the public, the
11 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director the
12 previous quarter's expenses by fund source for members of the state
13 board of education.

14 Sec. 302. From the amount appropriated in part 1 to the state
15 board of education, not more than \$35,000.00 shall be expended for
16 in-state travel and out-of-state travel directly related to the
17 duties of the state board of education.

18 19 MICHIGAN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

20 Sec. 401. The employees at the Michigan schools for the deaf
21 and blind who work on a school year basis shall be considered
22 annual employees for purposes of service credits, retirement, and
23 insurance benefits.

24 Sec. 402. For each student enrolled at the Michigan schools
25 for the deaf and blind, the department shall assess the
26 intermediate school district of residence 100% of the cost of
27 operating the student's instructional program. The amount shall
28 exclude room and board related costs and the cost of weekend
29 transportation between the school and the student's home.

1 Sec. 404. (1) The department may assess rent or lease excess
2 property located on the campus of the Michigan schools for the deaf
3 and blind in Flint to private or publicly funded organizations.

4 (2) In addition to those funds appropriated in part 1, the
5 department may receive and expend additional funds from lease
6 agreements at the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind Flint
7 campus that have been negotiated with the approval of the
8 department of management and budget. These funds are appropriated
9 to the department for the operation, maintenance, and renovation
10 expenses associated with the leased space.

11 (3) From the unexpended balances of appropriations for the
12 schools for the deaf and blind operations, up to \$250,000.00 of any
13 unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on September 30, 2009
14 may be carried forward as a work project and expended for special
15 maintenance and repairs of facilities at the campus of the Michigan
16 schools for the deaf and blind in Flint. The work shall be carried
17 out by state employees, or by contract as necessary, at an
18 estimated cost of \$250,000.00. The estimated completion date of the
19 work is September 30, 2010.

20 (4) From the tenant rent appropriation for Fay hall, up to
21 \$100,000.00 of any unexpended and unencumbered funds remaining on
22 September 30, 2009 may be carried forward as a work project or as
23 restricted revenue and expended for special maintenance and repairs
24 of facilities at Fay hall. The work project may be performed by
25 state employees, or by contract when necessary, at an estimated
26 cost of \$100,000.00. The estimated completion date of the work
27 project is September 30, 2010.

28 Sec. 405. The department may assist the department of
29 community health, other departments, and local school districts to

1 secure reimbursement for eligible services provided in Michigan
2 schools from the federal Medicaid program. The department may
3 submit reports of direct expenses related to this effort to the
4 department of community health for reimbursement.

5 Sec. 406. (1) The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind may
6 promote its residential program as a possible appropriate option
7 for children who are deaf or hard of hearing or who are blind or
8 visually impaired. The Michigan schools for the deaf and blind
9 shall distribute information detailing its services to all
10 intermediate school districts in the state.

11 (2) Upon knowledge of or recognition by an intermediate school
12 district that a child in the district is deaf or hard of hearing or
13 blind or visually impaired, the intermediate school district shall
14 provide to the parents of the child the literature distributed by
15 the Michigan schools for the deaf and blind to intermediate school
16 districts under subsection (1).

17 (3) Parents will continue to have a choice regarding the
18 educational placement of their deaf or hard of hearing children.
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20 **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION SERVICES**

21 Sec. 501. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
22 professional preparation services, the department shall maintain
23 the professional personnel register and certificate
24 revocation/felony conviction files.

25 Sec. 502. The department shall authorize teacher preparation
26 institutions to provide an alternative program by which up to 1/2
27 of the required student internship or student teaching credits may
28 be earned through substitute teaching. The department shall require
29 that teacher preparation institutions collaborate with school

1 districts to ensure that the quality of instruction provided to
2 student teachers is comparable to that required in a traditional
3 student teaching program.

4 Sec. 503. (1) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for
5 professional preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated
6 to Central Michigan University for the alternative route to
7 certification program. Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for
8 professional preparation operations, \$100,000.00 shall be allocated
9 to Wayne State University for the pathways to teaching program. Not
10 later than March 1, 2009, the department shall provide the senate
11 and house appropriations committees, the state budget director, and
12 senate and house fiscal agencies with a report including all of the
13 following:

14 (a) How many teachers were certified under the programs.

15 (b) How long participating teachers served in the classroom.

16 (c) A comparison of teacher evaluations of participating
17 teachers and teachers with traditional teacher certifications.

18 (2) The department will work with Central Michigan University
19 and Wayne State University to review the report results to
20 determine subsequent funding strategies.

21 Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for national
22 board certification, the department shall pay 1/2 of the
23 application fee for teachers who are considered by the department
24 to be qualified to apply to the national board for professional
25 teaching standards for professional teaching certificates or
26 licenses and to provide grants to recognize and reward teachers who
27 receive certification or licensure.

28
29 OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

1 Sec. 601. From the amount appropriated in part 1 for the
2 office of school improvement, there is allocated \$350,000.00 and
3 3.5 FTE positions to operate a charter school office to administer
4 charter school legislation and associated regulations, and to
5 coordinate the activities of the department relating to charter
6 schools.

7 Sec. 603. The funds appropriated in part 1 for subject area
8 content expectations and guidelines shall be used for the
9 development, approval, and implementation of subject area content
10 expectations and guidelines that apply to the credit requirements
11 of the Michigan merit standard, as required under section 1278b of
12 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1278b.

13 14 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

15 Sec. 701. The department shall work in collaboration with the
16 center for educational performance and information to support the
17 comprehensive educational information system and all data
18 collection efforts of the department.

19 20 **GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

21 Sec. 901. Within 10 days of the receipt of a grant
22 appropriated in the federal and private grants line item in part 1,
23 the department shall notify the house and senate chairpersons of
24 the appropriations subcommittees responsible for the department
25 budget, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget
26 director of the receipt of the grant, including the funding source,
27 purpose, and amount of the grant.